

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1881

"HAZING" CONDEMNED.

We are glad to see that the State University at Berkeley is determined to put an end to the wretched practice of "hazing" that has been so lamentably common in our American colleges. It is almost as bad as the custom of dueling among German students, long so notorious and always so barbarous. The older students put on airs and combine to degrade and impose mean, burdensome or odious work upon the novices or new members, and if these do not meekly submit to the disgraceful treatment, as they seldom will, then their conceited and dictatorial elders go to any excess of brutality to enforce their orders. It is a relic of old feudal habits, totally unsuited to the age in which we live, and the republican institutions that we all profess to admire and honor. Let the infamous practice be abolished, and let boys be taught a severe but salutary lesson, who dare indulge in this brutal habit. Every parent will commend the action of the University authorities in making an example of the recent offenders at Berkeley.

The Chicago Times: Vanderbilt has not only disposed of his interest in the Union Pacific, but the Times has trustworthy information that he has sold his Chicago, Burlington and Quincy stock. His interest in this property was variously estimated in speculative circles at from \$3,500,000 to \$6,000,000. In conversation with a reporter of the Times several months ago he admitted that the interest exceeded \$4,000,000, though he laughingly declined to state the exact amount of his ownership in that road. It is asserted by persons who have some knowledge of Mr. Vanderbilt's schemes that he is transferring his interest in Union Pacific to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, and that the money derived from the sale of Chicago, Burlington and Quincy stock has been invested in the Lake Erie and Western.

Yesterday I met Jefferson Davis. He said that in the presence of General Garfield's coffin he was unable to say a bitter word or to feel animosity against any portion of the American Union. The ex-President of the Southern Confederacy is an unobtrusive elderly man of methodical habits and simple tastes. He appears to avoid angering topics and is reticent in giving his opinion about the leading men of the South who plunged with him into the terrible adventure in which he was worsted. Jefferson Davis and General McClellan, who is also now here, have found themselves face to face in a hotel parlor, and exchanged words of courteous greeting. General McClellan is on very friendly terms, I hear, with the Princes of the Orleans family, and has received flattering marks of attention. —Paris Letter.

A deformed body is often concealed beneath the tailor's or the dressmaker's art, and a deformed moral nature, unwilling to be seen as it is, resorts to cant and hypocritical pretensions, as the padding to produce some approach to an appearance of comeliness.

A dispatch from Washington yesterday states that Tyner has resigned. This indicates that he has given up the fight. He had prepared a statement denying the truth of the charges against him.

The Gold Hill News says there is a rumor that a new crosscut has been started in Sierra Nevada. The street says it begins at the extreme north end on the drift on the 2500 level.

The easiest thing in the world is to see a fault in another man and a virtue in yourself.

Fatal Shooting.
PLACERVILLE, Cal., October 26.—A fatal shooting affray occurred at Nashville last Sunday, between B. E. Carter and James Maginnis, an old resident. The two men had a few unpleasant words in J. C. Heald's store, when Maginnis went to the rear of the building, took up his rifle, went out upon the street and dared Carter out. Carter was then unarmed, but made his way across the street, procured a pistol and both fired simultaneously at a distance of about sixty feet. The second shot of Carter took deadly effect in the left breast of Maginnis.

Governor Morgan Declines the Treasuryship.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The name of Governor Morgan, for the Treasury, was not sent to the Senate without consultation with him, nor was it sent in any doubt of his decision to accept it. There were many reasons why he preferred not to undertake the proposed labors, but the reasons the other way seemed to him stronger, and upon an understanding that he had overcome his objections the nomination was made. The New York papers sent reporters to him, and they all concurred in the understanding that he would not decline. The intention of the President to send his name to the Senate was made known in advance, and the matter was treated as a public fact. He was nominated and confirmed, but, after all, new elements came in, and Governor Morgan was induced to reconsider his determination to-day. He positively declines the Treasury portfolio. So much has this confused matters that the President has decided to withhold action as to the Attorney Generalship until the Treasury portfolio is settled. Nothing can be ascertained as to his second choice for the latter place. A former rumor is thereby revived that ex-Senator Howe will be nominated for the Treasury, and that this action will be deferred until the head of the Department of Justice is determined upon. The strong probability, however, is that the Secretary of the Treasury will come from New York, and that Judge Folger has been tendered the position. To-morrow's developments are looked for with much interest.

John Bull and the Panama Canal.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The Times, discussing Secretary Blaine's letter to Minister Lowell with reference to the Panama canal and the Monroe Doctrine, says: The weighty nature of the interest of America to the use of any inter-oceanic canal through the Isthmus of Panama will be readily admitted, but Blaine pushes the point too far when he would have the world take it for granted that no government but his own and that of Columbia has any claim to be consulted in regard to the neutrality of the work. The proposition is far from self-evident, and it is unfortunately not supported in the letter by arguments which will make it acceptable to the European powers, and least of all to England.

AN AMERICAN VIEW.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The Times says of Blaine's letter: It seems to us that the ground upon which Blaine now puts the American position is impregnable, and that any action of the European powers seeking to substitute their political guarantee for ours may fairly be considered unfriendly. The case would be somewhat analogous to our furnishing a guarantee of neutrality to Egypt, in case it had been asked, and we had the physical force to establish it, for the Suez canal. The instincts and the good sense of our country have always retained it from intruding in any way into the agreements of European powers.

Guiteau's Trial.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—After argument by Scoville, this morning, Judge Cox postponed Guiteau's trial until November 14th. Scoville stated that in his opinion the Court had jurisdiction, and intimated that he would not raise any question on that point.

District Attorney Corkhill has received a telegram from Judge Porter of New York stating that he will assist the Government counsel in the prosecution of Guiteau.

Judge Lawrence, Assistant Comptroller of the Treasury, has decided that Guiteau's witnesses living over 100 miles outside the jurisdiction of this District Court cannot be paid by the Government.

Henry Ward Beecher Withdraws from the "Christian Union."

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Henry Ward Beecher retires from the editorial management of the Christian Union, and Mr. Abbott, long associated with Beecher, succeeds. Beecher, in a valedictory, says: "While I relinquish the editorial control of the paper I do not cease to take a deep interest in the paper. It will continue to publish my

sermons, and I shall often, as I am able, contribute articles and editorials, and shall in every way study the prosperity of the paper that is and must always be near my heart."

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